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FOR THE CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PBOR, EG, IS, US

SUBJECT: AMOCO INCIDENT

REF: TEL AVIV 3266

1. SOLUTION PROPOSED IN REFTTEL IS NON-STARTER. AS YOU
KNOW, USG DOES NOT ACCEPT SO-CALLED "MEDIAN LINE" AS BEING
LEGALLY VALID OR SIGNIFICANT. ACCORDINGLY, WE DO NOT
WISH IN ANY WAY TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH EFFORTS AIMED AT
DEMARCATING THAT LINE OR OF FIXING GEOGRAPHIC POSITIONS
IN RELATION TO IT. THEREFORE, NO MEMBER OF EMBASSY SHOULD
PARTICIPATE IN VERIFICATION EXERCISES.

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2. PLEASE GET TOGETHER WITH YADIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS, IN ADDITION TO MAKING
CLEAR THAT USG CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN VERIFICATION AS HE
HAD SUGGESTED.

--ISSUE HAS BEEN RAISED WITH OUR EMBASSY IN CAIRO BY HIGH-

EST LEVELS OF GOE, LATTER EXPRESSING PARTICULAR CONCERN
SINCE AMOCO HAD TAKEN CARE TO POSITION RIG WEST OF SO-
CALLED "MEDIAN LINE".

--HIGHEST LEVELS WITHIN USG ARE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS.

--SINCE GOI RECOGNIZES THAT AMOCO HAS NO INTENTION OF
DRILLING EAST OF SO-CALLED "MEDIAN LINE", WE QUESTION
CONCERN EXPRESSED ABOUT "FACTS" BEING CREATED BY DIS-
PUTED LOCATION OF MARKER BUOY.

--UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE TRUST GOI WILL TAKE NO ACTIONS
WHICH MIGHT EXACERBATE SITUATION.

3. SINCE WE HAVE CHOSEN TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER IN
POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, WE HOPE ALUSNA WILL BE ABLE
TO PARRY ANY FURTHER SUGGESTION OF INDEPENDENT DISCUSSIONS
ON MATTER WITH ISRAELI NAVY. VANCE

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